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Filed: July 21, 2003      Customer No.: 21559  
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Restriction Requirement that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned case on February 22, 2006, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

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Support for these claims can be found throughout the specification and the claims, for example, at page 16, lines 18-26; page 18, lines 22-25; page 26 line 27 to page 27, line 10; page 47, lines 26-28; and page 48, lines 14-18. No new matter has been added by the present amendment.

Applicants note that an Information Disclosure Statement and a Form PTO-1449 were filed in this case on February 7, 2005, April 25, 2005, and December 21, 2005.

Applicants have not yet received initialed copies of the Forms PTO-1449 and hereby request initialed copies of the Forms PTO-1449 be returned with the next Office action.

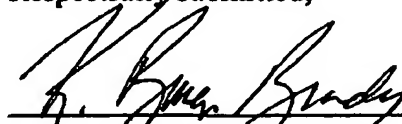
Enclosed is a check for \$500 in payment of excess claims fees for five additional independent claims. Also enclosed are a Petition to extend the period for replying to the Restriction Requirement for one month, to and including April 22, 2006, and a check in payment of the required extension fee.

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